

Re-write Raises Questions: Zoning Devil in the Details

by Kathleen Gallagher

When the Greenbelt City Council met with representatives from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) nearly a year ago to be briefed on the county's ambitious and long overdue plan for rewriting its zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations, everyone agreed that the devil would be in the yet-unknown details.

Council's other major concern at that worksession was that in attempting to streamline the review process by tilting it more toward the administrative level, M-NCPPC would reduce or even eliminate the steps that currently allow for formal review and comment by municipalities. (For a detailed account of that meeting, see the April 23, 2015 issue of this paper.)

On February 29, five members of the council met with City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Planning Director Celia Craze and Assistant Planning Director Terri Hruby for a briefing from city staff on the status of the county's work on the zoning re-write. Councilmembers Judith Davis and Silke Pope were unable to attend. As a result of this worksession, direction was given to staff to prepare a letter to M-NCPPC conveying the city's concerns. The letter was approved at the council's March 14 regular meeting.

The four phases of the re-write project are 1) public outreach and input, 2) evaluation and recommendations, 3) drafting the new ordinance and regulations and 4) implementing the new ordinance and regulations. Hruby explained that county staff are now working on phase 3, the writing of the draft document.

The impetus for the timing of

this briefing was that the county just released Module 1 of the draft document, titled Zone and Use Regulations and Interpretations. Module 2 will be released later this spring. According to Hruby, it is Module 3, Administrative Process and Procedures, that city planning staff believes will be most important regarding issues of municipal participation and review.

Despite the progress made by the planning staff at M-NCPPC on their work plan, which has proceeded according to schedule, the council's concerns remained essentially the same. The devil was still in the details and in the role of municipal review. A third significant concern was the elimination of the existing Residential Planned Community (RPC) Zone with no provision for a replacement in the new ordinance that would protect Historic Greenbelt and its original plan, including Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), in a fashion comparable to that provided by the existing RPC Zone.

As it turned out, Hruby and Craze had already met with county staff to discuss the latter issue, and conversations will continue regarding whether the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO) Zone defined in the new draft ordinance could be used as a tool to preserve the historic planned community principles. Hruby and Craze believe there may be potential for that to work. The NCO Zone, overlaid on the historic district, could have special standards and may be able to preserve the superblocks and the original plan for Greenbelt. It could also control density and land use. Hruby said both the city and GHI will need to explore

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Analysis

Transit Consideration Hitch Complicates Potential FBI Move

by James Giese

The efforts of city, county and state officials to obtain the proposed Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters facility to a site at the Greenbelt Metro Station may have been significantly thwarted by a decision of the General Services Administration (GSA) to discount the importance of access to Metrorail transit service. An article in the Sunday, March 13 Washington Post Business Section by Jonathan O'Connell reported that "William Dowd, who oversees the project for the GSA, told the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) recently that his agency would not give greater consideration to a site close to a Metro station when determining where to put the FBI headquarters and which company would build it."

Instead, the article reports, the GSA is requiring the proponents of the Greenbelt site to provide

nearly 2,500 additional parking spaces. The article does not indicate how this modification would affect the plans of Renard Development Company, LLC for the development of the existing parking lot at the Metro station into a mixed-use development with the proposed FBI headquarters occupying a significant portion of the site. The story does report that Garth Beall, spokesman for Renard, challenged the GSA findings as to the use of Metro and urged the GSA to "provide a 'clear incentive' promoting public transit access."

While the story quotes some members of the NCPC as expressing opposition to the GSA findings, it remains unclear as to what action that body might take and whether or not such action would be effective.

The Greenbelt site's primary advantage is its proximity to a Metro station, although it would

also have direct access to the Capital Beltway and I-95 just a short distance away from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The Landover Mall site also would have direct access to the Beltway but would require shuttle bus service to Metro stations (Largo and New Carrollton).

Possibly the greatest beneficiary of the GSA decision is the Springfield, Va. site, which is within walking distance of a Metro station but does not have direct access to the Beltway. This site is already owned by the federal government and would be the closest site to the FBI training and other facilities in Quantico, Va., a possible consideration. There is also the possibility that, like the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Administration, the FBI would want a less prominent location.

2016 Presidential Primaries Come to Maryland April 26

by Kathleen Gallagher

It seems unlikely that anyone in the U.S. with access to the Internet, a television or a radio could be unaware that this is the season of primary elections to select the presidential candidates for the two major political parties. Knowing when it is time for Maryland's primaries could be a bit more obscure. Just when election wonks think they have a bead on primary elections in Maryland, something changes. This year voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, April 26.

Marylanders are still grappling with the notion of holding primary elections for state offices in late June in non-presidential election years rather than mid-September. The presidential primaries were moved to February in 2008 as part of a short-lived Potomac Kum-bay-a moment of shared regional voting with nearby states and the District. For the 2012 presidential election, a law was passed declaring the first Tuesday in April to be Maryland's official presidential primary date. So is that what's happening this year? Nope.

This year, holding the primary on the first Tuesday of April would have required that polling places be open for early voting on Easter Sunday. To avoid that situation, state legislators voted during last year's General Assembly to move the 2016 primary to Tuesday, April 26, the middle of Passover week, when Maryland

voters will share the stage with voters in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Connecticut. Other dates to know include April 5, the last day to register to vote or change registration information; April 14, the first day of early voting; and April 19, the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot.

Registering/Changing Party

Greenbelters who are not currently registered to vote at their residence address or who need to

make corrections to their voting information must do so by the registration deadline of Tuesday, April 5 if they wish to vote in the primary.

In a primary election, that deadline can also carry other significance for some individuals. In Maryland, persons who are 17 years of age may vote in the primary if they will turn 18 by November 8, the day of the

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What Goes On

Sunday, March 20

2 to 4 p.m., Children and Animals Safety Workshop, Community Center

Monday, March 21

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Gateway Signage, Metro Station Pedestrian/Bike Trail, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, March 22

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, March 23

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Women's Wellness Health Fair, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession, GATE, Community Center

Thursday, March 24

7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

Friday, March 25

Underwater Egg Hunt, Aquatic & Fitness Center (See city ad for times, ages.)

Saturday, March 26

10 a.m., Annual Egg Hunt at Greenbelt Lake



A display at the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center memorializes Andy Carruthers, who died there early Friday from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. See pages 4 and 7.

PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Backyard Composting Has Many Benefits

by Erin Josephitis

On March 5, 27 community members participated in a compost workshop at the Department of Public Works. Luisa Robles, sustainability coordinator, led the free lesson covering the basics of composting, a way to turn your yard and kitchen wastes into a valuable resource. Composting is good for the environment because it reduces the volume of waste sent to landfills for disposal. Likewise, it holds 20 times its weight in water, acts as a filter and a sponge, reduces soil erosion and prevents stormwater runoff. Composting is good for the garden because it is a great soil amendment and can be used as top dressing during the growing season. It inoculates the soil with beneficial microbes, such as bacteria and fungi. Microbes extract nutrients from the mineral part of the soil and pass the nutrients to plants.

Among the fundamentals Robles described was that microbes need air, water and food to make compost. First, it is important to make sure there are plenty of air passageways into your compost pile. Straw, dried leaves and shredded newspaper are all good materials that allow for aeration of the pile. You can also turn the pile to get air into it or to fluff it up.

Second, a compost pile should be as moist as a wrung-out sponge. Your bin should have good drainage. Too much water prevents air from getting in the pile. Too little water slows the process. You might need to water the pile in the dry months.

Third, composting microbes need two major kinds of food: ‘browns’ and ‘greens.’ Browns are dry and dead plant material such as straw, dried weeds, leaves, wood chips, sawdust, shredded paper and cardboard. Greens are fresh plant materials such as kitchen fruit and vegetable scraps, green leaves, grass clippings, coffee grounds, tea bags, etc. Mixing equal parts of greens and browns by volume approximates the ideal ratio of carbon to nitrogen, and moisture range for microbes to thrive.

After describing what should go into a compost pile, Robles mentioned the importance of avoiding meat products, fats and dairy products. They do compost, but take longer and might attract unwanted pests. Also, she recommended that you do not compost the following: chemically treated wood products (pressure treated wood – arsenic, chromium, copper; wood treated with creosote or ‘penta’ preservative); diseased plants; pernicious weeds (unless they are dead and dry but no weeds that have gone to seed); and human and pet wastes which contain disease organisms.

Participants learned about various composting methods, from vermi-composting to using wooden pallets or a composting bin. Following the presentation, the remaining 12 discounted compost bins were sold to Greenbelt residents. Those interested in being put on the waiting list to purchase a discounted compost bin, email lrobles@greenbeltnmd.gov.

City Notes

Horticulture/Parks crews repaired bleachers in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center gymnasium, pruned dead wood out of a large oak tree on Ridge Road and oversaw Schrom Hills Park contractors who are working on the new fitness path.

Aquatic & Fitness Center staff report registration opened for the Underwater Egg Hunt.

For the remainder of this school year, CARES will offer three parenting sessions at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

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SHOWTIMES
Mar 18 – Mar 24

EMBRACE OF THE SERPENT (R) (125 m.)
Fri. 3:00 PM, 8:00 PM –
Post-Show Discussion with UMD Prof. Janet Chernela
Sat. 3:00 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 6:00 PM
Mon. 8:00 PM
Tues. 8:00 PM
Wed. 3:00, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

45 YEARS (R) (CC) (95 m)
Fri. 5:30 PM
Sat. 1:00, 5:30 PM
Sun. 1:00 PM (OC)
Mon. 5:30 PM
Tues. 5:30 PM
Wed. 1:00 PM, 5:30 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM

Family Series:
THE GOOD DINOSAUR (PG) (2015) (101 m.)
Sat. 11:00 AM
Mon. 3:00 PM
Wed. 11:00 AM

Noir Series:
THE KILLERS (NR) (1946)
Sun. 3:30 PM
Post-Film Discussion with American University Prof. Erik Dussere!

Stage on Screen:
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST (NR) (148 m.)
Sun. 8:30 PM – \$15/Members \$12
Tues. 2:30 PM – \$12/Members \$9

Midsummer Night's Dream at ERHS
Eleanor Roosevelt High School Drama Department presents Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream this week, March 17, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m., in the Sally Wagner Performance Space, room 004.

Open House March 21 At Greenbelt Elementary
On Monday, March 21, Greenbelt Elementary School will hold an open house for new and prospective parents for the 2016-2017 school year. The open house, which will start promptly at 9:30 a.m., will highlight the school's academic and enrichment programs.

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Luisa Robles leads the workshop on backyard composting.

On Screen

Two new films begin this Friday, March 18 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre: Embrace of the Serpent and 45 Years.

Embrace of the Serpent

Embrace of the Serpent, written and directed by Colombian Ciro Guerra, depicts the catastrophic effects of European colonialism on the Amazon rain forests and waterways. At the center is Karamakate, a shaman who is the last surviving member of a tribe wiped out by white invaders. A cross-cultural masterpiece filmed in stunning black and white, it is an elegiac meditation on how (not) to interact with the mysterious “other.”
Not rated. Running Time: 125 minutes.

45 Years

45 Years is the story of a happily married couple - the “beyond superb” Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay - on the brink of celebrating their 45th anniversary when the discovery of the frozen corpse of the husband’s lover 50 years earlier, casts the marriage into crisis. Is it possible that even after decades together, two people can remain perfect strangers?
Rating R. Running Time: 95 minutes.

- Jim Link

Community Events

Campfire Events At Greenbelt Park

Campground guests and the public are welcome to participate in a traditional National Park Service campfire program at the Campfire Circle in Greenbelt Park on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. Every Kid in a Park. Come and learn about various national parks and how to get a pass that provides free access to national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges and more.

Saturday, March 26, at 4 p.m. Charcoal: The Dirtiest Job in America. Learn about the manufacture of charcoal, historic fuel for heating, cooking and industry.

Tuesday, March 29 and Wednesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. Volunteer and Stewardship Opportunities for the Centennial. How can I become a camp host? What is the volunteer trail crew and what does it do? What other visitor services can I be a part of in 2016? Learn about the positive impact of volunteers on the park and how to join the stewardship team.

At the Library

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System branches will be closed on Sunday, March 27, for the Easter holiday. The Greenbelt library will reopen on Monday, March 28 at 1 p.m.

Storytimes

Wednesday, March 23: ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, March 24: ages 1 to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages birth to 1, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of March 21 are as follows:

Monday, March 21: Apple juice, BBQ pork riblet, baked beans, collard greens, cornbread, tropical fruit.

Tuesday, March 22: Cranberry juice, potato soup with crackers, fish sandwich, mixed green salad with ranch dressing, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, March 23: Orange juice, veal parmesan with marinara sauce, garlic rotini, spinach, Italian bread, cherry fruited gelatin.

Thursday, March 24: Pineapple juice, glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, ambrosia coconut cake.

Friday, March 25: Grape juice, baked tilapia with Old Bay cream sauce, au gratin potatoes, asparagus, wheat roll, fresh fruit.

New Deal Hosts Kids Open Mic

The New Deal Café, a low-key, friendly place for families to gather and make music, will host an Open Mic for children 17 years and younger – musicians, singers, all types of performers – on Sunday, March 20 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. This event is held on the third Sunday of each month.

Performers may email an introduction to their act to Rebecca Holober at bbholober@comcast.net at least one day ahead of performance date. This may include a brief bio, e.g., where the performer is from, title of songs presented, musical influences, fun facts. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Café Seeks Artists For Art Show

All artists, working in any medium, including photography, are invited to submit art work to the annual spring group show at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. This exhibit, which will be on display from May 3 to June 27, is held in conjunction with the Green Man Festival. The theme this year is Flowers. The reception for the public will be held on Sunday, June 5 from 3 to 5 p.m., as part of the community’s annual celebration of Greenbelt Day. For more information, contact Meg Haney, chair of the art show committee, at myevsuk@aol.com.

The New Deal Café art show program is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

Greenbelt Time Bank Orientation Meeting

Join a growing community of Greenbelters who are exchanging goods and services using hours instead of dollars. Earn hours by providing services to others and spend the hours to receive services in return. Use your time and talents to help your neighbors, get your own needs met and build a stronger community.

The Greenbelt Time Bank will hold an orientation meeting on Monday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center located at 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

For more information, call 240-473-3497.

Writers Group To Meet March 18

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The group will be discussing its next anthology, and current members are asked to bring draft ideas for their anthology contribution. Open readings will also be held, and all interested writers are invited to participate. For more information, contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.

Children and Animals Safety Workshop

Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) is holding a free Children and Animals Safety Workshop on Sunday, March 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center in Room 103. This workshop will educate children ages 5 to 10 and parents about dogs and cats, with particular emphasis on identifying an animal’s stress signals, how to approach unfamiliar animals, what to do if approached by an unfamiliar dog off leash and how to supervise and monitor children and dogs to avoid dog bites. Children ages 5 to 9 receive the highest number of dog bites, half of which occur at home with parents in the same room.

The workshop is made possible by the Jim Cassels Community Service Award and in partnership with Your Dog’s Friend, a non-profit organization with the mission of keeping dogs out of shelters by offering workshops and training, and the City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter. To register, send an email to wagsgbas@gmail.com or call 301-312-9603.

GIVES Quarterly Meeting March 26

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) quarterly meeting has been moved to Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. This later date is due to all Community Center rooms being used for the teen musical production on March 12.

Residents of Greenbelt, looking for a way to give or receive service from fellow residents, can learn at the quarterly meeting about this 20-year-old organization, which continues to work in the spirit in which Greenbelt was founded: one of sharing service and helping to make Greenbelt great.

New members are always welcome and can come to meetings or stop in the office in the Community Center Senior Lounge. For further information call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

Arts Advisory Board Meets April 5

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. At this meeting, the board will consider applications from Friends of New Deal Café Arts, the Greenbelt Arts Center, the Greenbelt Concert Band and the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society for financial and in-kind city support during Fiscal Year 2017. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2057.

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Week of March 18

FRIDAY – SATURDAY

The Perfect Match, R 11:30, 1:50, 4:30, 7, 9:15
Deadpool, R 11:20, 1:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
Zootopia, PG 11, 11:40, 1:30, 2:15, 4:40, 6:40, 7:20, 9:10
Divergent: Allegiant, PG13 11:10, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
10 Cloverfield Lane, PG13 11, 1:30, 4:10, 7:20, 9:45
London Has Fallen, R 11:20, 1:40, 4:10, 7, 9:30
The Brothers Grimsby, R 4, 9:40
Miracles From Heaven, PG 11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 7, 9:30

SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY

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Deadpool, R 11:20, 1:40, 4:50, 7:10
Zootopia, PG 11, 11:40, 1:30, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15
Divergent: Allegiant, PG13 11:10, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10
10 Cloverfield Lane, PG13 11, 1:30, 4:10, 7:20
London Has Fallen, R 11:20, 1:40, 4:10, 7
The Brothers Grimsby, R 4, 7:20
Miracles From Heaven, PG 11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 7

THURSDAY

Batman V. Superman: Dawn of Justice, PG13, 3D**(!) 6, 8
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The Perfect Match, R 11:30, 1:50, 4:30, 7
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Zootopia, PG 11, 11:40, 1:30, 2:15, 4:00, 7:15
Divergent: Allegiant, PG13 11:10, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10
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London Has Fallen, R 11:20, 1:40, 4:10
Miracles From Heaven, PG 11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 7

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, March 20th & Wednesday, March 23rd
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Obituaries

Martha Patton

by Kathleen Baum



Martha Patton

Martha Patton, who retired as assistant director of Career Development for the University of Maryland in 1984, and was one of Boxwood Village’s first homeowners, died peacefully in her sleep on March 6, 2016 at the age of 91.

Mrs. Patton was born in Parma, Ohio, the younger daughter of Kathleen (née Mullen) and Frank H. Kimball, who was in advertising. Like so many members of the “Greatest Generation,” she learned thrift, self-reliance and tenacity growing up in the Depression. She also understood the importance of seizing the moment and, in 1942, just after her high school graduation, Mrs. Patton applied for and won a position in the War Department’s Cleveland Ordnance District. She was promoted and transferred to the Services of Supply Office, International Division, in Washington D.C., where she worked in the newly completed Pentagon through the early days of the occupation.

Mrs. Patton’s intelligence so impressed one of the colonels in the department that he offered her a position at his New York law firm, Milbank, Tweed, Hope and Webb. She accepted, and it was in New York where she met John H. Patton, a decorated, recently returned veteran. They married in 1946 and moved to the Washington area following the birth of their first child, living in College Park before moving to Greenbelt.

Despite the challenges of raising four children, in 1957 Mrs. Patton was ready to return to work. She took a position at the University of Maryland, initially as a secretary, and took on a number of increasingly responsible administrative roles before joining Placement and Creden-

tials (the predecessor of Career Development). Her get-it-done attitude and warmth proved to be assets as the department grew in scale and importance. She was named Recruiting Coordinator in 1976 and Assistant Director in 1982. She also worked slowly but steadily towards her college degree and was awarded a B.S. in business and management in 1979.

Mrs. Patton retired in 1984 after 27 years at the University to spend more time with John and explore their shared interests, including travel. The couple took several trips to Europe, investigating John’s French roots and wandering across the continent at their own pace. Following her husband’s death, Mrs. Patton continued to travel, often choosing itineraries around her love of the arts, especially classical music and opera, and attended performances around the region until her late 80s. She took full advantage of courses offered for older students at the University of Maryland as well as here in Greenbelt to feed her intellectual curiosity, studying everything from ancient philosophy to contemporary literature.

An open, engaging woman with a gift for friendship and quiet but intense religious faith, she will be remembered with love by her family, many friends and devoted neighbors.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held for her on March 10 at St. Hugh’s Church, where she had been a parishioner since 1964. She is survived by her son Michael, daughters Kathleen Bright and Mary Connell, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a niece. Her husband John, and younger son, John Andrew, predeceased her.

Kathleen Baum is the niece of Mrs. Patton.

Beatriz Medina Mayoral



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Beatriz Medina Mayoral, age 76, of Milford, Del., died on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Laurel, Md. She was born on March 28, 1939 in Bogotá, Colombia, daughter of the late Simon and Bertha Helena (Lourido) Medina.

Mrs. Mayoral was a dedicated member of the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) and a past board member. Greenbelters may remember her as the director of the play Dearly Departed at GAC in September 2007. She was very involved in acting both on stage and on screen and was an active member of the Screen Actors Guild.

Mrs. Mayoral immigrated to the United States in January 1958 and became a citizen with her husband Angelo Mayoral in 1975. For over 20 years, she worked as an administrative assistant at the Library of Congress. In 2006, Mrs. Mayoral with her husband moved to the Milford area from Landover Hills.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Mayoral was preceded in death by her husband, Angelo Mayoral, on December 30, 2014.

She is survived by her four children: John, Michael and Vicky Mayoral and Beatrice Sullivan; a brother, Fernando Medina of Colombia; eight grandchildren, one great-grandson and another great-grandson on the way. Mrs. Mayoral was a family-minded individual who loved her family unconditionally, especially her grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Mayoral’s memory to Milford Senior Center, 111 Park Avenue, Milford, DE 19963.

Friends are invited to visit Mrs. Mayoral’s Life Memorial Webpage and sign her online guestbook at parsellfuneralhomes.com.



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Andrew Rice Carruthers


Andrew Rice Carruthers

by Bill Cornett

Andrew Rice Carruthers, a long-time resident of Greenbelt, died March 11, 2016. Born at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington D.C., August 2, 1964, Andrew was educated at public schools in Port Washington, N.Y., and graduated from Syracuse University.

After completing his undergraduate degree, he held a number of positions; as an officer in the Navy, with the federal government and as a photojournalist for the Maryland Capital Gazette. Having a goal of do-

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Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM

Holy Thursday Liturgy and
Pot Luck Dinner
March 24, 6:30 p.m.



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GOOD Friday

March 25th 7:00 PM

He is Risen...


Easter Sunday Service
March 27th 11:00 AM

Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

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301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe



Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

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Please Join Us for Holy Week Services!

Palm Sunday - March 20
Worship 9:30 a.m. Distribution and Blessing of Palms
Holy Thursday - March 24th 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday - March 25th 12:15 p.m.
Holy Saturday - March 26th Easter Vigil - 6:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday - March 27th 9:30 a.m.
(Festive Service of Holy Communion, Brass, Choir, childcare provided)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
6905 Greenbelt RD.
301-345-5111

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Our condolences to the family and friends of early and longtime Greenbelt resident Bessie Brickman, who died November 17, 2015, while in hospice care. Her ashes will be buried next to her husband at a graveside service on Friday, April 1, 2016, at 11 a.m. at the George Washington-Mount Lebanon Cemetery, 9500 Riggs Road, Adelphi.

Our sympathies to family and friends of Andrew Rice Caruthers, who died Friday, March 11, 2016. Andy was known to many Greenbelters as the moderator of the Greenbelters Yahoo group.

Our sympathies also to the family and friends of Beatriz Mayoral, a former board member of Greenbelt Arts Center member and director of plays in Greenbelt.

Our thoughts go out to Martha Patton's friends and loved ones. Mrs. Patton was an original member of the Boxwood community.

Condolences to News Review staffer Alison Rose and her sister Jessica Tussing, both of Greenbelt, who lost their mother Gertrude Rose on February 22 following a serious automobile accident. Their father Lee Rose, who was also in the accident, is recovering at Brooke Grove Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Congratulations to Eleanor Roosevelt High School boys' basketball team who won the class 4A state championship and to ERHS senior Chibueze Onwuka who won the 4A/3A 220-pound weight class state championship.

Further congratulations to ERHS senior Jan Knutson who played with the highly selective 2016 Jazz Band of America.

And congratulations to Greenbelt teen Megan Winner, who was one of 12 members of the Children of the Gospel Choir who sang with Sara Bareilles at the White House on March 10 for the state dinner honoring Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

The video may be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1WiH0Zc>.

Share your accomplishments, milestones, and news for the next Our Neighbors column. To send information for Our Neighbors, email editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 21-25

Monday, March 21 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Gateway Signage & Metro Station Pedestrian/Bike Trail** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv.*

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** w/Reading and Science Club facilitators at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 23 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION/re: MOU with GATE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm 201 Executive Session – Personnel Matter following the Work Session.

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Monday, March 28-Friday April 1

SPRING CAMP (Ages: 5-12) Spring break is right around the corner! We'll keep your kid's break action-packed with a combination of events both at the Youth Center and on field trips. All campers must be in kindergarten through sixth grade and are responsible for providing their own non-perishable lunch and drink each day. **Info: 301-397-2200**
Times: 8:45am -3:30pm Fees: R: \$184, NR: \$221
Activity #236501-1 Before and After Care Available.
Location: Youth Center and Field Trips

SPRING BREAK FAST BREAK BASKETBALL CLINIC (Ages: 10-14)

Spend your spring break improving your basketball skills through this clinic. Registration fee will include a Springhill Lake Recreation Center membership card that will allow each participant to remain in the facility beyond the hours of the basketball clinic under the supervision of Recreation Center staff. Campers are responsible for providing their own non-perishable lunch and drink each day, except Friday when lunch will be provided.
Times: 9:00am-12:00pm Fees: R: \$40, NR: \$50
Activity #: 236422-1 Before care and after care are not available for this program. Location: Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Contact Brian Butler or Frank Jones at 301-397-2212.



WOMEN OF WELLNESS HEALTH FAIR

March 23, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6101 Cherrywood Land

All are welcome. FREE screenings for Breast Cancer, Oral Cancer, Glucose, HIV Spinal Screenings, BMI and more will be available, as well as information booths on many other women's health issues. Also information on topics such as Financial Literacy, Mental Health and Health Insurance will be provided. Children are welcome, with a goody bag give-away for the first 72 kids to arrive.

For more information contact Christal Batey, Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) 301-345-6660



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UNDERWATER EGG HUNT

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, Friday, March 25

A fun new twist on the traditional Egg Hunt! This is always a very popular event; registration is limited to 30 children per section.

PH: \$1; RNPH: \$2; NRNPH: \$3

231101-1: 10:00am - Ages 6 months-5 yrs

231101-2: 11:00am - Ages 4-10 years

231101-3: 12:00pm - Ages 6-15 years

231101-4: 1:00pm - Ages 6-15 years

For more information call 301-397-2204

ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Buddy Attick Park (Greenbelt Lake)

Saturday, March 26, begins at 10:00am (promptly)
18 months-6th grade

A tisket, a tasket be sure to bring your basket and help find the eggs that the Easter Bunny and his helpers have hidden. Immediately following the Egg Hunt, The Center Ring Circus School Performance Team presents **CELEBRATION!** Don't miss a morning of amazing circus artistry! Flying on fabric trapeze, walking on tightropes, astounding feats of juggling; these incredible youth circus students will stun you with their skills. Don't forget to bring your cameras! Please call the weather hotline, 301-474-0646, the morning of the hunt for updated event status.



CHILDREN & ANIMALS SAFETY WORKSHOP SUNDAY, MARCH 20 FROM 2-4PM

Greenbelt Community Center (Rm. 103)
15 Crescent Road



FREE workshop for children 5-10. Taught by WAGS volunteers, dog trainer and Greenbelt Animal Control Officer.

- Safer interaction with companion animals (dogs and cats)
- Behavior & distress signals
- When NOT to approach a dog or cat

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Join pastry Chef Padua Player the SugaChef from Food Network's Holiday

Baking Championship for dessert making fun!

TRIPLE CHOCOLATE BRIOCHE BREAD PUDDING

Saturday, March 19 from 4-7pm

Greenbelt Community Ctr. 15 Crescent Road

Residents: \$99, Non-Residents: \$120

Registration information: 301-397-2208

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee (adult member).

For information call 301-474-8000.



Arbor Day Tree Planting Event

April 2, 2016

PLANTING: 10-11 am

TREE TOUR: 11 am-noon

Schrom Hills Park

6915 Hanover Parkway

TREE PLANTERS

WANTED!

Show your support for Arbor Day by planting native trees and plants at Schrom Hills Park. Participants should wear gloves, clothes and shoes that can get dirty. Individuals and groups are welcome.

Tree tours by the Advisory Committee on Trees!

RSVP to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-arbor1>

Info: btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov

Remembrances of Andy

Our resident gadfly is gone. Almost all of us knew Andy Carruthers, some resented him, a few of us loved him.

Improbably, I had a warm, cordial connection with Andy. Our chess games in the back room of the New Deal Café were models of ignorant bravado, swashbuckling ignorance. But they facilitated great conversation, fueled by Andy's crackling intelligence, good humor and fierce articulateness. It was pleasure to be in his company.

If we lived in a rational, reasonably fair world, our connection would have blossomed, blazed up even, into a permanent friendship. But the world has a habit of breaking our hearts. I will miss Andy deeply.

To paraphrase a few words of Philip Larkin: "The next morning I got up and he did not. The first day after a death, the new absence stuns us. We should be careful to be kind to each other while there is still time."

Jim Link

I was very saddened by Andy's death. My sincere condolences to his family and those of you who are caring and loyal friends. While I had never met Andy in person, I had one "go-around" with him on the listserv, and I'd have to agree with many that his razor sharp intellect, prodigious curiosity, and presence will be missed. I know I will miss reading his comments and thoughts on community issues, far and near. Even though I never again dared to respond in writing, his ability to engage me in exploring my own thoughts and perceptions never failed. He was a rare and treasured member of our flock. May he fly with ease and grace.

Cynthia Swan

Andy lived two doors down from me. I can see his empty chair on his porch, and I am sad I will never see him sitting there again. I loved to stop and talk with Andy because he always had something interesting to say, and also because he was always interested in what others thought and had to say. I think he had the sharpest mind of anyone I have ever known. I will miss this vibrant, engaged, smart and witty man. And I will miss his many kindnesses to me and my family. Rest in Peace, dear friend. May we be neighbors again one day in that better place.

Christina Kavanagh

Andy was a great neighbor. He always greeted me with a smile. He had that cute blue convertible which he decorated every couple of months.

We would often see Andy out in his garage fixing his bike or helping a friend. On a few occasions, we would ask him to check a flat tire or help us put air in the tires. He would never accept payment, other than a request to share a beer the next time he saw us at the New Deal. He preferred friendship over money.

Every time it snowed, while we were still in bed, enjoying a snow day, Andy would already be outside, shoveling the walkways for our entire row. He made sure all of his neighbors could venture outside, when they were ready.

The only time I saw his mean side was during the city council

election of 2009. He didn't like the candidate I was supporting and dug up some very ugly records. Although I did not appreciate it, I admired his ability to do criminal research. I had hoped he would turn it into a career in investigative journalism.

His life was cut short. I don't think any of us will ever understand why.

Lore Rosenthal

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Greenbelt has lost one of her passionate citizens, Andy Carruthers. The



Andy Carruthers flashes a victory sign at the inauguration of Governor Larry Hogan in Annapolis on January 21, 2015.

In Memoriam Andrew Carruthers

by Bill Cornett

I met Andy when we both joined the Neighborhood Watch. Aside from working to help the community, one of the greatest benefits I got from joining the group was the marvelous conversations I'd have with Andy when we were doing our multi-hour patrols around Old Greenbelt.

Andy was far more open-minded than many Greenbelters might think. His conclusions were always based on his deep grasp of statistics and logic. If some facts didn't fit his conclusions, he'd study them and figure out why, and then change his way of thinking. From current events to sociology to physics - and of course to politics - he was well-versed and erudite, and always willing to consider information coming from the other side of the argument. However, if you held an alternative view, you'd better be ready with the facts to back it up, that was for certain! No worries, though, even if you disagreed with his views, Andy was always willing to play tennis or chess and have a good laugh with anyone. If you needed help, and he could provide it, he would.

For a while I was putting out a news blog, which featured videos from breaking news stories in the Greenbelt area. One evening I covered a gang attack on Gardenway. How did I know that the victim was Andy? Simple. As he lay on the pavement while the paramedics attended to him, he started smoking a cigarette, launching the puffs of smoke straight into the air. While he did manage to quit smoking for months at a time, his friends never quite got him to kick the habit for good.

Museum was fortunate to work with Andy on a 2007 exhibit called Recent Relics, when Jill St. John was the museum director. We asked Andy to photograph items in the museum collection as if they were fine art pieces, to inspire another look at these everyday improvements. The results were beautiful and a testament not only to his great skill as a photographer, but also to his creative spirit. RIP, Andy, and thank you for all that you brought to Greenbelt.

*Megan Young,
Greenbelt Museum*

In Memoriam Andrew Carruthers

by Stan Zirkin

During the early morning hours of Friday, March 11, a brilliant, multi-talented, troubled young man died near the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Greenbelt resident Andrew Carruthers, age 51, known to his many friends as "Andy," was probably best known as moderator of the Greenbelt Yahoo Group, a social/political media group that he founded in 2000. A recent survey showed that the group had at least 1200 members and generated between 180 and 240 messages per month. Andy described the group as an email forum in which Greenbelters are encouraged to freely express political and social views, including "independent minority views" and in which "spirited, courteous dissent of all kinds is often celebrated."

This reporter had the occasion to personally debate some political issues with Andy in between tennis matches. Our political views couldn't be more different but Andy had the unique ability to express his sometimes controversial opinions with such wit and panache that it was impossible to become angry with him. This was a classic case of reject the message but respect the messenger.

Andy also had many other

interests. He was very active in civic affairs in the Greenbelt area and was a frequent attendee at city council and GHI meetings. His background in criminal justice (he had a master's degree in criminology from George Mason University) led him to various endeavors in this field, including active participation in a Neighborhood Watch program. He was a gifted photographer, and served as a professional photographer for the Greenbelt Museum and the American Visionary Art Museum (Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race), among other organizations. He was also a dedicated and enthusiastic cook. Finally, he was an avid tennis player. This reporter played with him and against him frequently and he often referred to us as the "slice and dice" twins, with reference to our style in hitting tennis balls from the baseline. He played with a joie de vivre that was infectious and he had a self-deprecating sense of humor. Many of us knew that Andy faced certain challenges, both financial and social, but he never let on (at least not to this reporter) the extent to which it interfered with his happiness. What we do know is that wherever he went and whatever he did Andy left a lasting impression. His premature death was a tragedy.

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ing criminal justice work, he returned to school at George Mason University and received an M.A. in criminology in 2014. He searched extensively for his ideal job in law enforcement, but unfortunately was unsuccessful in achieving that goal. Andrew was active in many volunteer organizations including the Mid-Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts and the Greenbelt Museum. He was a frequent contributor to the Greenbelt News Review and was founder and moderator of the Greenbelt listserv. He will be

remembered as a writer with a sharp wit as well as a very good friend to many.

Andrew is survived by his parents, Richard and Karen Carruthers of Albuquerque, New Mexico, his brothers Jay of Saratoga Springs, New York and Geoffrey of London, England, and their wives and children. Other family members are aunts and uncles Enid and Larry Hodes of Takoma Park, Md., Gail Holzrichter of West Hartford, Conn., and Robert and Jeri Carruthers of Louisville, Colo. and their children and grandchildren.

Group Exhibition

Flowers

In conjunction with the
Greenbelt Green Man Festival

New Deal Café
Roosevelt Center
Greenbelt, MD

www.newdealcafe.com
myevsuk@aol.com

Reception:
Sunday, June 5th
3-5 pm

Exhibit on display
May 3rd – June 27th

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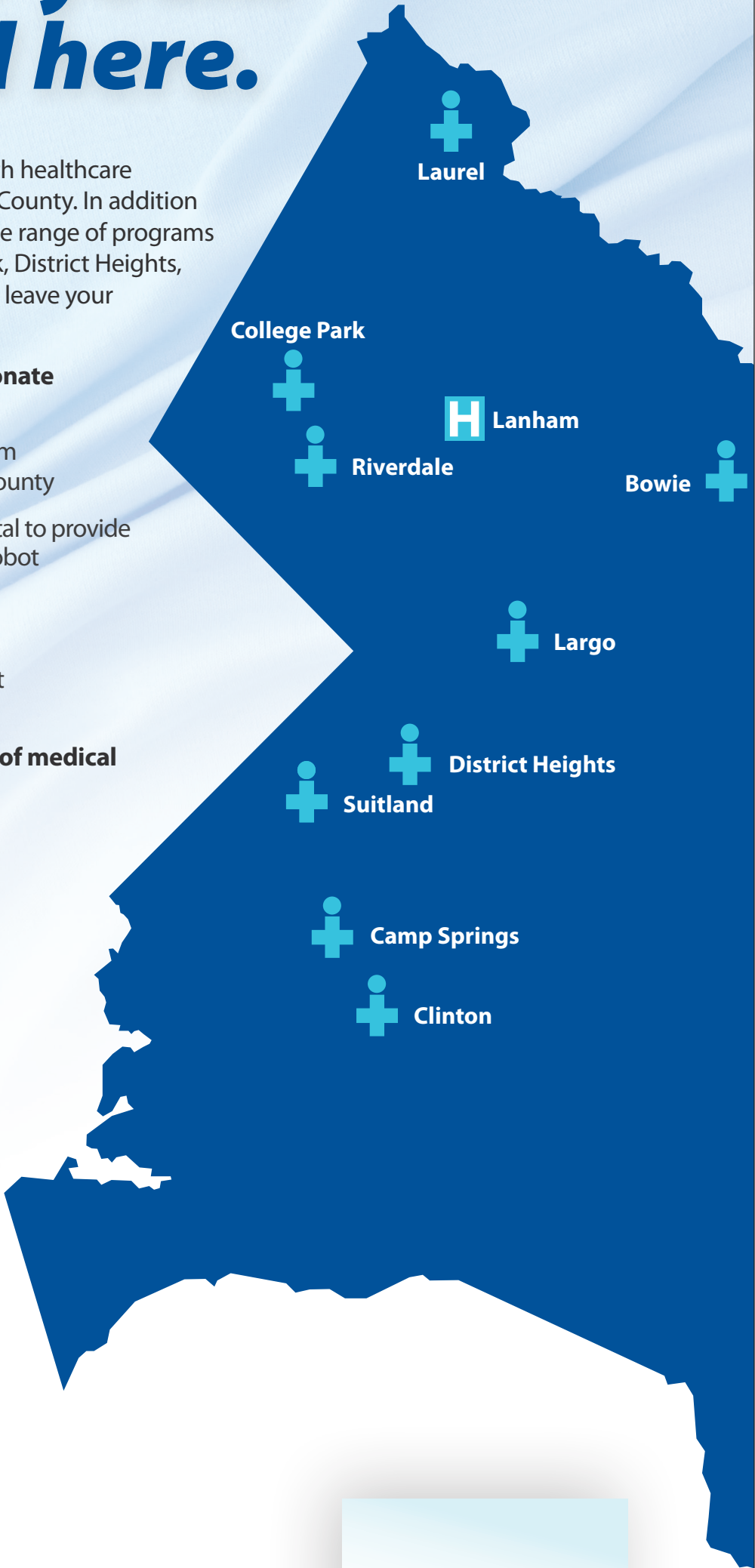
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
March 5, 11:44 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A man walking to a residence was approached by four men. One of them asked him for a cigarette. A second man punched him in the face and a third threatened him with a knife and demanded his cell phone. They fled on foot after obtaining his phone. The injured man was treated on the scene for minor injuries.

Assault
March 2, 8:59 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man approached an employee at Marshalls while she was folding clothes and pushed her to the ground for no apparent reason. He then fled. The employee was not injured.

Unattended Child
March 3, 4:28 p.m., 100 block Westway. A 28-year-old resident was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended after a seven-year-old walked into the leasing center. She was released on citation pending trial.

ID Theft
March 2, 6 p.m., 8100 block Lakecrest Drive. A person's name was used by someone else to open a PayPal account.

Counterfeit Money
March 3, 8:50 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 14-year-old resident youth was arrested for possession of forged currency after he was found possessing counterfeit paper currency. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Burglary
March 3, 8 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A cell phone and a debit card were taken from a residence, possibly by way of an unsecured living room window.
March 4, 10:05 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A man in his bedroom heard what sounded like someone using a key to open the front door to his apartment. He then heard

the door open, but entry was not made due to the chain lock on the door.
March 7, 1:18 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A 22-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with burglary after he entered the home of a person he knows without permission. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.
March 8, 1:45 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. Two televisions were taken after a residence was entered by breaking out the sliding glass door.

Vandalism
March 4, 1:45 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A man inside For Eyes eyeglass shop became angry over an issue with his glasses. He threw them and as he left, slammed the front door, damaging it. The man is known to store staff and an investigation is ongoing.

Vehicle Crime
A woman in the 9100 block Edmonston Court saw a black car pull up behind her 2001 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags 6AV8731. A man got out of the black car and into her Caravan and drove away.

A 1997 Toyota RAV4 SUV was stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Court and recovered the same day in the 6200 block Springhill Court.

A 2014 Toyota Camry reported stolen to Montgomery County police was recovered in the 6400 block Capitol Drive.

A 2004 Buick Rendezvous reported stolen January 6 from the 6200 block Springhill Court was found to have been repossessed, not stolen.

Three thefts were reported in the 9100 block Edmonston Court. A front passenger window was broken out and money was taken on March 6; a glove box was forced open and a camera taken on March 8; and clothing was taken from an unsecured vehicle on March 9.

Upcoming Events at the New Deal

Thursday, March 17, The Greentop Ramblers perform a special St. Paddy's Day show from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be green beer to help celebrate.
Friday, March 18, John Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Black Masala brings Eastern European brass band and New Orleans style jazz music to the Café from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 19, Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays jazz and blues on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Rock out with the fabulous 49 Cent Dress from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 20, please join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Kids Open Mic from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Jolly Llama performs classic rock covers and Fake Occent offer up jam band music from 5 to 8 p.m.
Monday, March 21, the monthly Reel and Meal from 7 to 9 p.m. A vegan buffet will be offered from 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22, The New Deal Laugh-In hosted by CLaw Comedy Productions presents local comedians from 7 to 9 p.m. Adult audience suggested.
Wednesday, March 23, Cajun Music Jam from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in.
Thursday, March 24, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 9 p.m.
Friday, March 25, Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. NYC band Karikatura performs Trans-global Soul from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 26, a Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Join this community jam session. Guernsey plays blues and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Hard Swimmin' Fish bring their Old Time Blues Show to the Café from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 27, the Café will be closed for Easter.

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general election, and if they have registered to vote as members of the Democratic or Republican Party by the April 5 registration deadline.
But why must those 17-year-olds register as Democrats or Republicans if they want to vote in a primary? By law, the two major parties are required to hold primaries to select their candidates, and the parties generally choose to let only their members vote to make those choices. Voters registered as independents or with other political parties can cast votes only in non-partisan races, typically for the county school board, that may appear on the primary ballot. Since Greenbelt's school board representative is now mid-term, there are no non-partisan issues for voters on the ballot this year.
Nonetheless, until the April 5 deadline, voters may choose to change their party affiliation if they are not registered as Democrats or Republicans or if they would prefer to vote in the primary of the opposite party. If they wish to return to their original party prior to the November 8 election, they must do so from the time registration resumes after the primary until the October 18 registration deadline for the General Election.

How to Register

The options for registering or changing registration information have remained the same for several years. The voter registration form can be used either for a new registration or for changing an address, a name or a political party affiliation on an existing registration. The process can be

completed entirely online by using Maryland's Online Registration System on the State Board of Elections website at elections.state.md.us. One can also print a registration form from the same website and mail or take it to the Prince George's County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774.
A registration form may be requested by phone from the county by calling 301-341-7300 and asking to have one mailed. Forms can also be picked up at the city clerk's office in the Greenbelt Municipal Building and mailed to the county board office. In addition, one can register or change information in person at the board office in Largo or the Motor Vehicle Administration offices in Largo or Beltsville.
Registration forms being returned by mail to the county board office must be postmarked no later than April 5. Forms returned in person to the county board office must arrive by 4:30 p.m. on April 5. Registration online must be completed no later than 9 p.m. on April 5.
To be eligible to register to vote in Prince George's County, a person must be a U.S. citizen; at least 16 years of age; a resident of the county; either not have been convicted of a felony or have completed serving a court-ordered term of imprisonment, including any required parole or probation; and not be under guardianship for mental disability.
Options for voting will be covered in a future article, but dates to be aware of include the following. Early voting will be conducted from Thursday,

April 14 through Thursday, April 21. Voting absentee requires requesting an absentee ballot no later than April 19. The form for requesting the ballot can be printed from the state website or provided by mail from the county board by calling 301-341-7300.

Explorations Unlimited Healthy Hearts

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Kenneth Pasquale on Friday, March 18 at the Community Center. Pasquale and the staff of Maryland Cardiology Associates will provide an educational presentation on the heart and cardiovascular system. This presentation will include details on how these significant systems function and how to properly care for them. It will also include a free checkup of the peripheral blood flow system.
Pasquale is a 2011 graduate from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical science. He worked for the West Virginia University stroke and traumatic brain injury (TBI) lab. The lab concentrated on producing pharmaceutical treatments for stroke patients and patients who suffer from symptoms of TBI. After marriage, his family moved to the D.C. area and he has been working with Maryland Cardiology for almost a year. Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

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This year the Poetry Moment Reception is being held as well to honor Juan Felipe Herrera, the 2015 U.S. poet laureate. Herrera is the first Hispanic-American to be named poet laureate. A reading of his poems will be included in the program. Music will be provided by Mayor Emmett Jordan with Brazilian-influenced guitar styling and Jan Knutson, who will perform Latin and jazz solo guitar.

The Poetry Moment Reception is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt. This year the event is also co-sponsored by El Arte y Culturas Latino en Greenbelt, a new group whose mission is to produce events featuring Latino arts and artists in the community.

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Brick Townhome - 3 Bedroom GHI unit with new carpet. New flooring on main level. Dining room converted into office space with lots of shelving.

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this possibility further.

Module 1 of the draft document reduces the number of county zones from 73 to 42. It groups the proposed zones into three types: base zones, planned development zones and overlay zones. According to Hruby, base zones are those within which a single set of uses and criteria apply. Here acceptable uses can be allowed by right with little or no review. Planned development zones allow for greater flexibility and leeway in anticipation of more innovative, high quality development and community benefits. Overlay zones are mapped over base zones and apply standards in addition to or in lieu of those required by the base or planned development zones. Although M-NCPPC provided a detailed, multicolored chart designed to illustrate the relationship of the current zones to the proposed ones, it is difficult to grasp the on-the-ground application of the changes to the actual property of the city in this form.

Based on the city staff’s own detailed review of Module 1, Hruby presented a list of seven significant concerns, with the entire list of comments and queries to be sent to M-NCPPC being considerably longer. The following are several of the significant concerns.

1) The deletion of the RPC Zone does not provide any replacement to protect Historic Greenbelt, including GHI, and its original plan.

2) Replacing comprehensive design zones and mixed-use zones with base zones that allow by-right development is a major departure from past practice; it will not afford municipalities or the public the opportunity to review and comment on major development projects.

3) It is not obvious which new zones would apply to major areas of Greenbelt, including Beltway Plaza, GHI, Franklin Park and the South Core of Greenbelt Station.

4) The mapping of new zones after, rather than prior to, the adoption of the new ordinance will make it impossible for the public to fully understand the effect of the new ordinance on specific properties.

Considerable discussion by councilmembers bumped up against the difficulties of comprehensively understanding the information being provided by M-NCPPC. Councilmember Edward Putens said he would reiterate the comment that he had made at the 2015 meeting that it is impossible to comment on the plan without knowing specifically what uses will be permitted where.

Mayor Emmett Jordan said, “We have the overall concept but as soon as we try to get specific, we start to see the exceptions.” He added that the information given was “overwhelming” and that the devil was still in the details.

Craze agreed that the information was hard to evaluate in a vacuum and that the city needed to be able to see the implications of the proposed changes for the community. She and Hruby both thought that the county likely still has some steps to go through in determining the process of rolling out the information but did not speculate on where that might lead.

Marc “Kap” Kapastin, general counsel for Beltway Plaza, spoke

to say he thought it was “crazy” that Beltway Plaza and the South Core were not part of the new category of transit-oriented center, given their proximity to the Greenbelt Metro Station. Commenting that the new ordinance might reopen planning issues for Beltway Plaza, he said they welcomed the idea of flexibility and a streamlined review since Beltway Plaza “needs flexibility for a wide swath of uses.”

The draft letter from Jordan to the M-NCPPC project director, which was a product of the February worksession, was approved by council at its March 14 meeting. In it, the process being pursued is questioned, in that it may result in the city’s being asked to accept a new zoning ordinance without being given enough information about how the newly defined zones would actually be applied to property in Greenbelt. The letter stresses the need for mapping the zones, with opportunity for municipal and other public input, prior to adoption of the new ordinance.

Regarding the possible reduction or loss of municipal rights to review and comment on development plans, the letter focuses on the “by-right” process defined in Module 1 of the draft document. In by-right zones, conforming uses could be developed on the basis of acquiring building permits without intermediate review by the city. In addition, the letter states that municipalities should have an appropriate role in the review process for projects within what are being defined as Transit/Oriented/Activity Center base zones.

As this effort continues, the mayor said he hopes the city will be able to coordinate with the other members of the Four Cities Coalition – Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton – and possibly the Prince George’s County Municipal Association as well.

Free Film Festival At Patuxent Refuge

Saturday, March 19 from noon to 3 p.m., the Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center will offer a free environmental film festival.

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